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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Cassandra Davis

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-11 and 13-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16 and 17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 8-11, 13, 16-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7, 14 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3, 6, 9, 10, 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Singer. U. S. Patent 1,486,695 in view of Nelson, US 1852471.

3. Singer teaches a folding display device comprising: a center panel a'; a left tray e'; and a right tray d', wherein the left tray is attached to the center panel with a first flexible hinge 8' and the right tray is attached to the center panel with a second flexible hinge 8' and wherein said center panel. The left and right trays are formed from a single piece of material and further wherein the left and right trays are defined by a substantially flat floor panel 40 and 18 and four walls including a top wall 22 and 44, bottom wall, 40 and 18, and two side walls 32, 27, 10 and 15. The walls and panel defining a cavity having an opening 5 providing access thereto.

4. Nelson teaches a display rack comprising three dimensional shelves

2, 3. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time this invention was made to construct the device taught by Singer with the three-dimensional shelves as taught by Nelson to provide a means to store and/or display additional confectionery items.

5. With respect claim 3, Singer teaches the center panel of the display device comprises a header h.

6. With respect to claim 10, Singer teaches the left and right tray is assembled using adhesive 17 and 39.

7. With respect to claim 13, Singer teaches the display device for formed from a blank. See figure 1

8. With respect to claim 6, Singer teaches the display device is made of pasteboard or suitable fibrous materials. Since the applicant does not disclose that constructing the device of cardboard solves any stated problem or is for any particular purpose, it appears to constructing the device of any suitable card stock material as taught by Singer would perform equally well.

9. With respect to claim 9, since the applicant does not disclose that constructing the device of the specific dimension solves any stated problem

or is for any particular purpose, it appears that constructing the device of any suitable dimension would perform equally well.


Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 4-7, 14-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cassandra Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-6642. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on 571-272-6651. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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